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Alcyonidium mytili Dalyell, 1848 (Bryozoa): neotype replaced

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers all previous designations of neotype for the nominal species *Alcyonidium mytili* Dalyell, 1848 are hereby set aside and the specimen numbered BM(NH) 1994.4.5.1, collected from Longniddry, East Lothian, Scotland, and deposited in the Natural History Museum, London, is designated as the neotype.
- (2) The name *mytili* Dalyell, 1848, as published in the binomen *Alcyonidium mytili* and as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2961

An application for the designation of a replacement neotype for *Alcyonidium mytili* Dalyell, 1848 was received from Prof John S. Ryland and Dr Peter S. Cadman (*University of Wales Swansea, Swansea, Wales, U.K.*) on 12 January 1995. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 53: 92–95 (June 1996). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment from Prof Jean-Loup d'Hondt (*Laboratoire de Biologie des Invertébrés Marins et Malacologie, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France*) was published in BZN 54: 49–50 (March 1997). Prof d'Hondt, who with Prof M. Goyffon had designated (1992) a neotype for *Alcyonidium mytili* which belonged to a different taxonomic species, supported the proposal to designate a neotype in accord with Dalyell's (1848) original description and locality.

Decision of the Commission

On 10 September 1997 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 53: 94. At the close of the voting period on 10 December 1997 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Cogger, Dupuis, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Shuster, Song, Štys

Negative votes — none.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Original references

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

mytili, *Alcyonidium*, Dalyell, 1848. *Rare and remarkable animals of Scotland, represented from living subjects with practical observations on their nature*, vol. 2, p. 36.